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LETTER DATED 3 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Reports have been coming from the Azerbaijani Republic regarding a large-scale offensive initiated by Armenian armed forces in the Azerbaijani district of Kelbedjar. As a result of this new Armenian aggression 60,000 people have been encircled and 28 Azerbaijani villages have been occupied. There have been many deaths and thousands of Azerbaijanis are fleeing their homes.

As you are aware, the Government of Turkey has been actively engaged in securing a peaceful solution to the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan. This latest Armenian aggression is a serious blow to these efforts and constitutes a provocation which will have grave consequences to peace and security in a very sensitive region contiguous to Turkey.

In the light of these alarming developments, my Government is requesting the Security Council to urgently consider this situation with a view to stopping the aggression against Azerbaijan and securing the immediate evacuation of all Azeri territories occupied by Armenian forces.

I will appreciate if this letter is circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mustafa AKŞIN
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